

REMARKS

Preliminary Remarks

The Office Action of June 30, 2005 has been received and carefully analyzed. Claims 9-14 and 30-34 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 15-30, and 35-39, previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement, are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 31 and 32 are amended to more accurately describe the invention, and new dependent claims 40 and 41 are added. The specification is amended to describe reference numeral 75, included in the Figure 7 that was submitted on March 22, 2005. No new matter is added by these amendments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending objections and rejections in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate that claims 9-14 are allowed, and that the drawings filed on March 22, 2005 are accepted.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claim 30 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No.: US2003/0171060 to Hirano, *et al.* ("Hirano"). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 30.

Claims 31-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No.: US2003/0148024 to Kodas, *et al.* ("Kodas"). Amended claim 31 recites, among other things, "...wherein the PDL includes a high surface energy area and a low surface energy area, the high surface energy area being disposed between the active pixel surface portion and the low surface energy area to prevent a decay of a coating thickness in a boundary zone of the active pixel surface portion." Kodas neither discloses nor suggests such features. Therefore, amended claim 31 is patentable over Kodas.

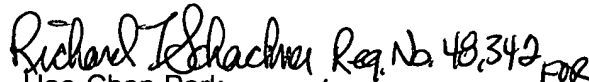
Claims 32-34 (and new claims 40 and 41) are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies from allowable base claim 31. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 31-34 be withdrawn, and that claims 31-34 and 40-41 be passed to allowance and issue.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants submit that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and/or grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued for this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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